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THERE YOU HAVE IT: THE CM, DY CM & TEAM

Who's who of political sphere make it to swearing-in ceremony; details of cabinet meeting and new ministers PAGES: 4, 5

Not sure if this is a solution to end traffic woes, but KRDL is in hurry to complete work on flyover at Varthur Kodi

OH LOOK, ANOTHER FLYOVER

Citizens unsure about need for this new long-dragging construction

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It seems the Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Limited (KRDL) is in a hurry to complete the construction of a flyover at Varthur Kodi to facilitate movement of vehicles from Whitefield towards Varthur without any hassles. However, the KRDL did not think about the fate of vehicles that reach Varthur.

Some of the residents of the area are of the opinion that the KRDL authorities or elected representatives did not do due diligence before commencing the construction of the flyover at Varthur Kodi while some residents are of the opinion that construction of a flyover is necessary to ensure mobility of vehicles.

"I am not against the construction of the flyover but the authorities concerned have to take measures to ensure movement of vehicles on the entire stretch without any hassles," said Elangovan Kulandaivelu of Whitefield Rising.

A resident on the condition of anonymity said that the authorities concerned should have thought of

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"It seems the authorities want to complete the construction of the flyover. They are not bothered about the congested roads at Varthur. There will be a huge traffic jam on Varthur Main Road if no measures are taken to widen the road – A resident of the area

No auto to go the last mile

Why auto kiosks at metro stations are not serving the purpose

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The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL) in collaboration with the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) had introduced prepaid auto kiosks at various metro stations last year. The initiative was started to help commuters use autos for last-mile connectivity while simultaneously solving one of the biggest issues commuters in Bengaluru face – overcharging and harassment by auto drivers. However, a few users say that the kiosks are unreliable.

"I live two kilometers away from the MG Road metro station. Last mile connectivity is a big problem and there's no bus that goes to my locality. The only option for me is to walk or to take an auto. My experience with the prepaid auto booth on MG Road has been far from ideal. I travel frequently in the metro but I've managed to get a prepaid auto only once," said Ankit, a citizen.

"It's hard to find an attendant at the booth. If they are there, they will tell you that no auto is available. More often, they will talk to the auto drivers to get you a ride off the books and pay more than the meter rate," he added.

Ankit is of the opinion that the problem is of incentives. "Auto drivers are happy to

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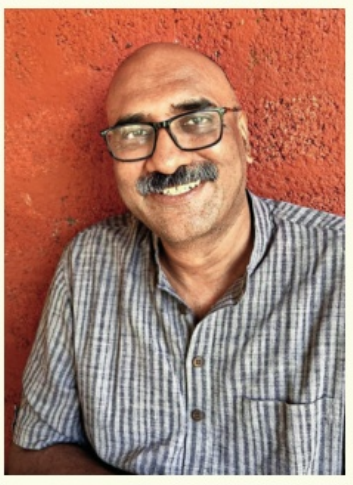
3 THINGS TO DO

01 Fashion scenes

Grab a chance to visit the Hi Life Exhibition being held in the city today, which aims to celebrate the style, design, and craftsmanship of luxe accessories, jewellery, bridal outfits, and more. The exhibition unveils an exclusive array of fashion designers and their collections. It also has fashion wear for all occasions. **Where: Lalit Ashok When: May 21; 10 am to 8 pm**

02 Discussion time



Popular author and journalist, Manoj Mitta is all set to stimulate conversation around his latest book: 'Cast Pride- A Radically New History'. He will be joined by Ashna Singh, Shabnam Virmani and Sudipto Mondal. The book examines the endurance and violence of the caste system. The session will begin with a performance by singer and filmmaker, Shabnam Virmani. **Where: Bangalore International Centre, 7, 4th Main Road, Domlur 2nd Stage When: May 21; 5 pm onwards**

03 Laugh out loud

If you love watching plays, then here's a chance for you to attend Miss Sevanthi, a humorous play in Kannada. Grab your seats at the city's most happening theatres. The play has been adapted by Jayant Kaikini from Alan J Lerner's My Fair Lady. **Where: Ranga Shankara; When: Saturday, May 27**

Keeping score: Won't let go of a single mark

They have passed, but 151 students of II PU are not happy with how much they scored; they plan to apply to sit for supplementary exams

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The PU exam is known as a stepping stone exam because the marks are crucial for admission to professional courses. Hence, the competition is so tough that students are not willing to sacrifice even a single mark. Given this backdrop, more than 6,000 students received additional marks through revaluation. However, students question why they have to suffer delays due to the evaluators' mistakes.

In the current evaluation process, a total of 8,950 students applied for revaluation, and fortunately, 6,086 students received additional marks due to errors in retotaling or revaluation. Unfortunately, 809 'overconfident students' had their marks reduced. In other words, the evaluators were generous in giving marks initially, but revaluation resulted in a reduction in marks that the students did not deserve.

On the other hand, there were numerous errors in totaling as well. Approximately 804 students applied for retotaling, and out of them, 257 received additional marks.

"We have to pay Rs 530 for a scanned answer script and then Rs 1,670 for applying for revaluation. Overall, the expenses amount to Rs 2,200 per subject. Now, I wonder why we have to pay so much for someone else's mistake, and how many of us can actually afford this amount," a student expressed.

In response to this, R Ramachandra, President of the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB), stated, "It is quite common to see revisions in marks after revaluation. However, we will take disciplinary action against erring evaluators."

Sources indicate that not only evaluators are responsible, as there are instances where computer operators also make mistakes while uploading the marks. The board has provisions to either blacklist or penalise evaluators for incorrect corrections.

Furthermore, there is a growing trend of students withdrawing their exam marks. This time, around 151 students who had previously written and passed the II PU exams but were not satisfied with their marks have withdrawn their results. They will now apply for supplementary exams. Sources suggest that this trend is becoming popular, and at times, students have to take a year's break.

The supplementary exams are scheduled to begin on May 23, and so far, 1.58 lakh students have enrolled. Interestingly, out of the 151 students, 12 have withdrawn marks in all subjects, meaning they have to retake exams for all subjects. In 2021, although all students had the opportunity to pass, approximately 943 students reappeared for supplementary exams. An official stated, "There have been instances where students who withdrew their main exam marks and subsequently failed in the supplementary exams requested to restore their main exam marks, which is not possible. Hence, we want students to be cautious."

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CET-23: Hassle-free exams on the first day

The first day of the Common Entrance Test (CET-23) conducted by the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) was held in a hassle-free manner at 592 centres across the state on Saturday.
Ramya, ED, KEA, has stated in a press release that out of 2,61,610 registered candidates, a total of 2,00,457 (82.53%) candidates appeared for Biology and 2,39,716 (93.78%) candidates attended for Mathematics. Students who had their centres in Bengaluru also reached their centres without any difficulty. In view of the oath-taking ceremony of the new chief minister held here, KEA had taken several measures to facilitate the easy commute of students anticipating traffic congestion. Besides, it had asked students writing exams in Bengaluru to reach their venues two hours before the scheduled time. Police personnel were also instructed to help students reach their centres on time. Today, the examination will be conducted for Physics and Chemistry papers as scheduled.

Work in progress...

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what would happen to traffic after vehicles proceed towards Varthur from the flyover. "It seems the authorities want to complete the construction of the flyover. They are not bothered about the congested roads at Varthur. There will be a huge traffic jam on Varthur Main Road if no measures are taken to widen the road. I came to know that residents of Varthur do not want only the flyover but also Namma Metro to address the mobility issue," the resident said.

A few motorists have expressed concern over the never-ending construction work at Varthur Kodi, which has become a bottleneck for the movement of vehicles during the peak hour. "It has become a habit for the BBMP or BDA or KRDL to take up one or the other work throughout the year. All these years, movement of vehicles has been affected due to the ongoing construction work," said Mohan Kumar, a software employee. Meanwhile, KRDL Executive Engineer Sunil Kumar said the construction of the flyover would be completed in 18 months. "This project was approved two years ago. The construction of the flyover began late due to some issues. I am confident of completing the construction work in 18 months," he said.

Quality matters

Experts alarmed by deteriorating air quality in city; blame climate change

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An analysis of the daily Air Quality Index (AQI) data between June 2021 and April 2023 shows that the number of 'good air quality' days (AQI value less than 50) across all seven Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (CAAQMs) in the city has been declining.

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board installed seven monitoring stations at: City Railway Station; Nisarga Bhavan, Saneguruvanahalli, Veterinary College in Hebbal, Shalini Ground in Jayanagar, KAVIKA in Mysore Road, NIMHANS, and HSR Layout, near Central Silk Board. The air quality at these stations is monitored round the clock for primary and secondary pollutants.

Between July and December 2021, the city railway station recorded 32 good air quality days, Hebbal had 117 such days, Jayanagar, 100, KAVIKA, 48, NIMHANS, 125, and Central Silk Board, 36.

However, between July and December 2022, the number of good AQI days plummeted. While the city railway station recorded zero good air quality days, Hebbal had 104, Jayanagar, 98, KAVIKA, 32, NIMHANS, 119, and Central Silk Board, 29.

A similar scenario was noted when the number of good air quality days between January and April 2022 was compared with those between January and April 2023.

Making matters worse, the number of poor and very poor air quality days (AQI between 201 and 400) has gone up. While only seven such days were recorded between July and December 2021, 19 days were recorded between July and December 2022, registering an increase of 171 per cent.

> **"Public transport has to be made economical and safe. Today, bus rides are as costly as autos**
>
> – Dr TV Ramachandra, IISc

According to experts, Bengaluru typically enjoys much better AQI than other Indian megacities. This is mainly because it enjoys natural protection due to its geographical location. The city's altitude of 920 m above mean sea level creates faster surface winds that disperse pollutants faster.

"AQI of Bengaluru, even in the most difficult periods of winter, remains good to moderate, barring a few exceptions. A significant drop in good AQI days and a noticeable increase in poor AQI days as compared to the previous year is a shocker," said Prof Gufran Beig, chair professor, NIAS.

Nonetheless, air quality experts say that climate change has a role in the unusual deterioration of air quality not only in Bengaluru but across peninsular India. In a rare occurrence, the globe is witnessing a third consecutive 'La Nina Year' when the trade winds are even stronger than usual, leading to disturbed large-scale wind circulation. For the first time, we are witnessing climate change having an impact on air pollution.

"Over south peninsular India, the average maximum temperature was the fifth highest, and the average minimum temperature was the third highest. There was deficient rainfall over Bengaluru, leading to high day temperatures. La Nina has also caused surface wind speeds to be lower, and the air pollution is not being flushed out like it used to be earlier. However, now that natural advantage is going away, we must seriously look at easing traffic snarls and open construction activities," cautioned Prof Beig.

Environmentalists and ecologists say to improve AQI of the city, stress should be on strengthening the public transport system.

"Public transport has to be strengthened, made economical, and safe for everyone. Today, bus and metro rides are as costly as autos and cabs," said Dr TV Ramachandra, Center for Ecological Sciences, IISc.

Bengaluru good air days: 2021-22

Stations	Number of good air quality days between July 2021 and December 2021	Number of good air quality days between July 2022 and December 2022
Hebbal	117	104
City railway station	32	0
Nisarga bhavan	142	147
Shalini grounds	100	98
Kavika Mysore	48	32
NIMHANS	125	119
Central silk board	36	29

Bengaluru good air days: 2022-23

Stations	Number of good air quality days between January 2022 and April 2022	Number of good air quality days between January 2023 and April 2023
Hebbal	7	0
City railway station	0	0
Nisarga bhavan	83	36
Shalini grounds	7	2
Kavika Mysore	5	4
NIMHANS	10	4
Central silk board	3	0

Gone with the dust

Particulate pollution in some parts of Bengaluru has worsened over the last year. April's air quality data show that average monthly PM10 emission has not only exceeded the permissible limit in places, but has gone up since last April.

While the average monthly PM10 value recorded in Jayanagar in April 2022 was 86.9 ug/m3, it has gone up to 103.5 ug/m3 in April this year. Similarly, the monthly PM10 emission at Hebbal this April was found to be 80 ug/m3. The air quality monitoring station at Hebbal recorded this value at 76.3 ug/m3 last year.

Although the average monthly PM10 value at Nisarga Bhavan was within the permissible limit, it went up to 53 ug/m3 last month, when compared with 29 ug/m3 in April 2022. The CPCB annual average permissible limit for PM 10 is 60 ug/m3.

"Monthly average emission of PM 10 above 60 ug/m3 starts impacting the health of people. If it reaches the mark of 100, it becomes alarming. High PM10 emission is mostly an outcome of construction activities. Bengaluru is witnessing a lot of construction activities without proper protocol," said Dr Gurfan Baig, professor, NIAS.

Increase in PM10 emission recorded by the sensor at Nisarga Bhawan can be attributed to the ongoing construction activity, said Dr Pratima SingH from CSTEP. "In summer, the land becomes dry, and the wind carries loose sand particles. This causes a further surge in PM 10 emission value. Due to dry weather, the dispersion of the particles is higher," she added.

According to Dr Baig, unattended sources such as unpaved roads leading to windblown road dust is emerging as a dominating source of PM10.

"Many vehicles plying on unpaved roads is a common sight. This causes the suspension of a huge amount of dust, which never gets to settle down due to the continuous traffic flow," Dr Baig further said.

—Garima Prasher

With a swearing-in ceremony that was a grand affair, we have a new government. Photographer Kaushik JN captures some moments from the event

BEGINNING OF A NEW ODYSSEY

IN SHORT

Financing guarantees
An estimated Rs 50,000 crore is required to fulfil all the guarantees and it is feasible considering the state's budget size of Rs 3.10 lakh thousand crore. Additionally, annual budget increments of 10 per cent, along with increased revenue from tax collections, will provide further financial support. Siddaramaiah mentioned various revenue sources, including taxes on fuel, excise, motor vehicles, transport, stamps, and registrations, which contribute to the state government's income.

Indira canteens
Indira canteens have been a pet project of Siddaramaiah when he launched it in his first term as CM. In the last five years, the cash-strapped civic body was finding it tough to finance the budget canteens. Siddaramaiah said, "We will soon come up with a plan to revitalise these Indira canteens."

Assembly session
A three-day Assembly session has been convened from Monday so that the new members take oath. For the time being, RV Deshpande, who is the seniormost leader in the House will be made pro-term leader and a new Speaker will be elected during the three-day session.

Targeting Centre
In the first address, Siddaramaiah targeted the Centre over a lower share of revenue for Karnataka. He expressed concern over the discrepancy between the funds allocated to Karnataka by the 15th Finance Commission. "While the state is entitled to receive Rs 1 lakh crore, the commission has only recommended Rs 50,000 crore, of which Rs 37,000 crore represents Karnataka's tax share, with the rest comprising grants from the central government," CM said blaming the previous governments for failing to contest the Centre's decisions and criticised the limited increase in funds between the 14th and 15th Finance Commissions.

Thieves nabbed
The police nabbed two thieves at the ceremony on Saturday. The theft took place just as people were exiting after the ceremony was over. Currently, both accused have been arrested by Sampangi Ramanagara Police.
According to sources, the thieves were trying to run away with a woman's chain when the public caught them.
On the other hand, the police have also arrested thieves trying to pickpocket during the ceremony. The Halasuru Gate police have arrested the culprits.

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Siddaramaiah became Chief Minister for the second time as he took oath at Kanteerava stadium on Saturday in front of a mammoth gathering. DK Shivakumar took oath as Deputy Chief Minister.

Around eight Congress MLAs were sworn in as ministers in the Karnataka Cabinet during the oath-taking ceremony in Bengaluru on Saturday. Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot administered the oath of office and secrecy to the MLAs. The portfolios have not been announced yet. Sources said that in the subsequent expansion, many more Congress MLAs and MLCs will be accommodated in the Cabinet.

Unity Mantra
During the oath-taking ceremony, all eyes were on Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar, observing their body language and how they would interact after a competitive contest. DKS arrived early at the venue to oversee the preparations, while Siddaramaiah joined later with Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi, and Mallikarjun Kharge. When the two leaders came face to face, Siddaramaiah gestured for DKS to stand on his right, and they held each other's hands, waving at the crowd. Both leaders aimed to convey a message of unity, highlighting their absence of animosity. AICC general secretary in charge of Karnataka, Randeep Singh Surjewala, noticing the moment, asked Rahul Gandhi to join Siddaramaiah and DKS, and the trio held hands.

DKS' Show
The oath-taking ceremony witnessed DK Shivakumar's prominent presence. DKS was one of the first to welcome Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi at the HAL airport. He continued to greet and welcome national political leaders arriving at Kanteerava stadium for the ceremony. The national leaders congratulated DKS on his victory, and a large gathering turned up to witness the event. Even when a microphone fell, DKS swiftly fixed it. While others posed for photographs, DKS stood, showing a thumbs-up to the crowd. After the oath-taking ceremony, DKS took the microphone, urging the people to remain calm and listen to party leaders. DKS, sporting an unkempt beard, walked around the dais with a smile, while both Siddaramaiah and DKS wore dhotis.

G Janardhana Reddy
A surprising presence at the ceremony was G Janardhana Reddy, the former BJP minister and current MLA from Gangavathi. Reddy had previously expressed his support for the Congress party. It is worth noting that Reddy's downfall began with a verbal clash with Siddaramaiah in the Assembly, followed by Siddaramaiah leading a padayatra to Ballari. Subsequently, Reddy became embroiled in a mining scam and was arrested. The Congress came to power, and Siddaramaiah became CM for the first time. Now, the circle completes as Reddy is part of the oath-taking ceremony where Siddaramaiah assumes the CM role for the second time.

In God's name
When Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma invited Siddaramaiah to take the oath, there was tremendous applause from the public.
Siddaramaiah took the oath in the name of God, while DKS took it in the name of Gangadhara Ajja.

Parameshwara took an oath in the name of the constitution, and KH Muniyappa, KJ George, MB Patil, and Priyank Kharge took the oath in the name of God.

Congress party members in a show of strength and unity at the oath-taking ceremony at Kanteerava Stadium

Satish Jarkiholi took the oath in the name of Buddha, Basava, and Ambedkar. Ramalinga Reddy took the oath in the name of inspiration and conscience and BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan, in English, took an oath in the name of Allah and his mother. Zameer accidentally repeated the first paragraph of the oath, but after being corrected, he continued with the second paragraph.

Presence of actors
Among the surprise guests at the venue was renowned multilingual actor Kamal Haasan. Wearing a blue shirt, Haasan was one of the earliest guests to arrive at Kanteerava stadium. Although Haasan is not a member of the Congress party, he was seated on the dais alongside other prominent national leaders. Actress Ramya, Nishvika Naidu, Duniya Vijay, and Umashree were also in attendance.

Posters
Although posters are illegal in Bengaluru, the BBMP turned a blind eye as the streets of Bengaluru were plastered with colourful banners congratulating Congress leader Siddaramaiah on being sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Karnataka on Saturday. Additionally, several streets in the capital city were adorned with posters welcoming Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, bearing the message 'Welcome to Karnataka'.

Giant hoardings featuring a smiling Siddaramaiah greeted motorists and passers-by entering the Garden City from Kempegowda International Airport. Posters were also affixed to lamp posts, pillars, and even trees in the inner areas of the city. However, the most eye-catching among them were the giant circular banners adorned with tricoloured frills around the images of Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar.

Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar

Traffic jams
Due to a huge gathering, traffic around Kanteerava Stadium became congested by 11 am. "It's heavy traffic today, and we are doing our best to manage," said a traffic policeman on duty near Lal Bagh. Many students heading to the CET had to leave early to avoid the traffic. The traffic congestion persisted after the oath-taking ceremony as thousands of people were trying to leave the stadium. However, as the day progressed, traffic returned to normalcy.

PM tweets
On Saturday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Congress leaders Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar, who were sworn in as Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka, respectively. "Congratulations to Shri @siddaramaiah Ji on taking oath as Karnataka CM and Shri @DKShivakumar Ji on taking oath as Deputy CM. My best wishes for a fruitful tenure," the Prime Minister tweeted. In response to the PM's tweet, the CM said, "We look forward to your cooperation in realising cooperative federalism in letter and spirit."

Show of strength
In a display of opposition unity, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Nationalist Congress Party President Sharad Pawar, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin, and National Conference President Farooq Abdullah attended the swearing-in. Former Congress President Sonia Gandhi was not present. PDP Chief Mehbooba Mufti, Chief Ministers of Congress-ruled states Bhupesh Baghel (Chhattisgarh), Ashok Gehlot (Rajasthan), and Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu (Himachal Pradesh), Bihar Deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav (RJD), were also present. Former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath, Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren, and CPI(M) General Secretary Sitaram Yechury and CPI General Secretary D Raja were also in attendance. However, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee was conspicuously absent from the event.

Clockwise from top: Congress supporters at a packed-to-the-rafters Kanteerava Stadium; minister DK Suresh and actor Shiva Rajkumar; Bihar CM Nitish Kumar: Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin in a conversation with J&K National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah as Kamal Haasan looks on

First Cabinet meeting: Guarantees approved

Although the first Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah approved the five guarantee schemes announced by the Congress party, the government refused to divulge the 'conditions apply' riders yet.

Briefing reporters, Siddaramaiah said, "We have approved the Gruha Jyoti scheme which entails providing 200 units of free power. This initiative is estimated to cost the exchequer approximately Rs 1,200 crore. Under the second guarantee, Grihalakshmi, every woman in the family will receive Rs 2,000 per month.

He also added that for unemployed graduates, the Yuva Nidhi scheme will provide Rs 3,000 per month for a period of two years. If a beneficiary secures employment during this duration, the allowance will be withdrawn. The scheme is set to be implemented from the current financial and academic year. Diploma holders who are unemployed will receive a monthly allowance of Rs 1,500. The final guarantee was free bus passes for women traveling in government buses. This benefit will be applicable only to residents of Karnataka. The specifics will be discussed in the next Cabinet meeting, he explained.

Intervening in between, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said, "We need to define a lot of issues like when you say a graduate, who is a graduate who is eligible and so on. Until and unless we come out with clarifications, we cannot tell you right now."

DK Shivakumar said, "We cannot offer benefits to everyone."

Know Your Ministers

Ramalinga Reddy

Age: 70
Education: BSc
MLA: 8th term
Constituency: BTM Layout
Previous experience: Served as a minister on four occasions.

KJ George:

Age: 73
Education: BA (incomplete)
MLA: 6th term
Constituency: Sarvagnanagar
Previous experience: Served as a minister four times.

G Parameshwara:

Age: 72
Education: MSc
MLA: 6th term
Constituency: Koratagere (Tumakuru district)
Previous experience: Served as a minister five times, including Deputy Chief Minister.

Satish Jarkiholi

Age: 60
Education: PUC
MLA: 6th term
Constituency: Yamaknamaradi (Belagavi district)
Previous experience: Served as an MLC twice and an MLA four times. Ministerial experience: three times.

BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan

Age: 55
Education: SSLC (incomplete)
MLA: 4th term
Constituency: Chamarajpet
Previous experience: Served as a minister earlier.

KH Muniyappa

Age: 75
Education: BA LLB
MLA: First time MLA, but has been an MP for seven terms
Constituency: Devanahalli
Previous experience: Served as Union Minister of State earlier.

MB Patil

Age: 58
Education: BE (Civil)
MLA: 6th term & **MP:** 1 term
Constituency: Babaleshwar (Vijayapura district)
Previous experience: Served as a minister four times, including earlier as well.

Priyank Kharge

Age: 44
Education: Computer Animation
MLA: 3rd term
Constituency: Chittapur (Kalaburagi district)
Previous experience: Served as a minister.

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B'luru: Will tree census ever come to fruition?

Green activists say that it's high time for High Court to intervene in ordered census

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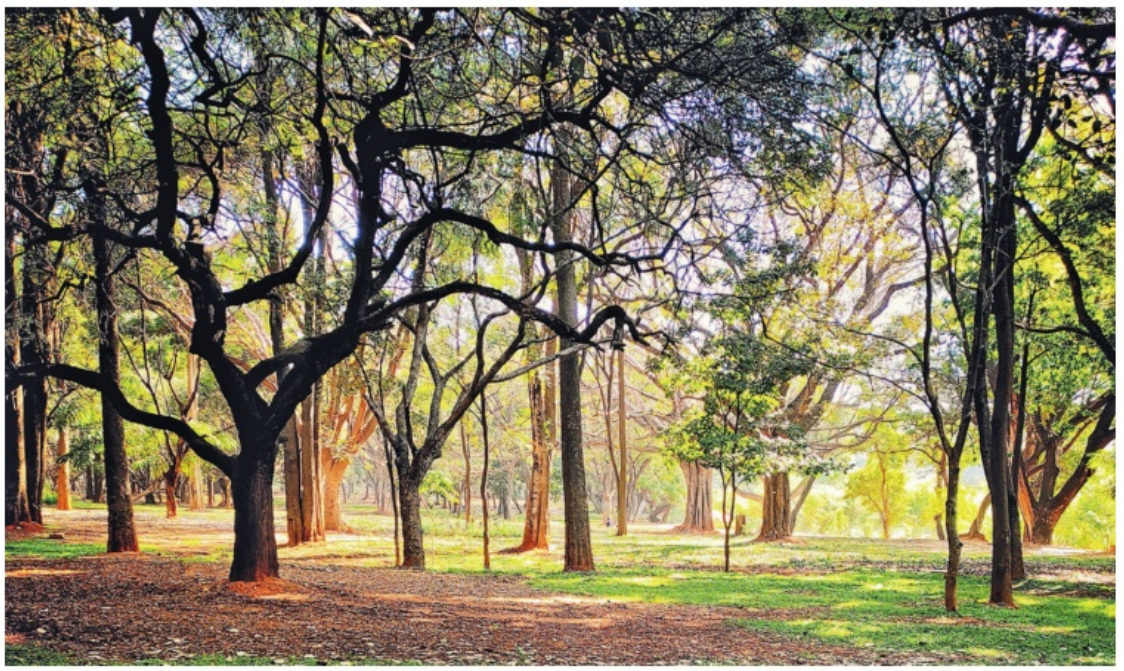

According to environment experts, Bengaluru's tree census is much needed to understand the health of the city. This, after many studies over the last few years , has shown that the city is losing its green cover

In October 2019, the Karnataka High Court directed the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to count all the trees in Bengaluru. The court order also specified that the census process must commence within 30 days from the date of the order.

BBMP had then informed the court that the census would be carried out by the Institute of Wood Science and Technology (IWST) at a cost of Rs 4 crore. However, even after almost four years, the census has remained a complete non-starter.

"We have sent the file to the government and are waiting for approval. We need to rope in research institutes to conduct the census and have sought permission. This is a first-of-its-kind process, and we want it to be a success," said a BBMP official.

However, city-based tree experts are unanimous in their view that the civic body is intentionally dilly-dallying with the census. They say the concerned authorities have never been serious about carrying out the census as it becomes easier to detect unpermitted tree felling.

"The authorities have displayed a serious lack of urgency about the activity. Not only has the High Court recognised the need for the census long ago, but it is also required even under the Karnataka Preservation of Tree Act. This resistance to conducting the survey is unfortunate," said Dattatreya T Devare, trustee of Bangalore Environment Trust, who filed the PIL leading to the court order.

Activists opine that with the High Court's order and a budget already allocated for the activity, it is difficult to understand the reason behind this delay. "This is BBMP's inefficiency at its best. The request to count the trees should have ideally come from BBMP. Nonetheless, although citizens' efforts led to the court passing the order, the Palike's attitude is ineffable," said Vijay Nishant, founder, Project Vruksha.

> **"The authorities have displayed a serious lack of urgency about the activity. This resistance to conducting the survey is unlucky**
> – Dattatreya T Devare, Trustee, Bangalore Environment Trust

Experts added that it is high time for the High Court to intervene once again, or the census will never see the light of day.

"BBMP has been dragging the process for no apparent reason. It appears that the only way for citizens to know the total number of trees in the city is if the High Court takes the civic body to task once again and pushes them to carry out the process immediately," said Dr C Chandaraiah, retired professor of the department of forestry and environmental science, GKVK, and a botanist.

The need for the census

According to environment experts, Bengaluru's tree census is much needed to understand the health of the city. This, after many studies over the last few years, has shown that the city is losing its green cover quickly.

A recent Land Use Land Cover (LULC) study conducted by Hyderabad-based researchers using satellite imagery showed that Bengaluru has lost more than half of its green cover over the last two decades. Between 2003 and 2021, the city sacrificed over 59% of its green cover and increased its built-up area by nearly 98%.

Multiple studies conducted by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) highlight the need for the census. While a tree survey report by IISc in 2013 showed that there was one tree in the city for seven people, another survey report conducted by the institute in 2019 showed that the situation had deteriorated.

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Left-over scenes

Anjaneya Nagar

It's been one month since the drain work was completed at 2nd Cross, BSK 3rd Stage, in Anjaneya Nagar. They are not lifting the left-over stone slabs and debris.

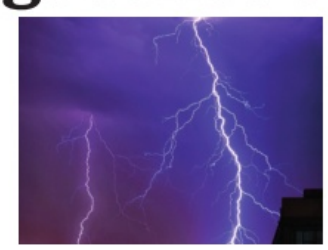
Make it straight

Sampige Road

A dangerously leaning no parking board near Sampige Theatre raises concerns for public safety.

Rain brings sense of comfort

It was a break from the scorching heat as many areas in the city received heavy rainfall on Saturday night. In fact, in a few areas, hailstones were also reported.



Due to heavy rainfall, a huge tree fell on a bus at Corporation Circle and another tree on a car at Lavelle road. Luckily, no one was injured. A Prasad, scientist from the India Meteorological Department (IMD), said that at an altitude of 900 metres, there is a trough extending from the north interior to Tamil Nadu. This trough is expected to bring rainfall for the next four days, accompanied by thunderstorms. Bengaluru is likely to receive light to moderate rainfall and occasional thundershowers over the next five days.

In Bengaluru, the temperature reached 35.4 degrees Celsius, which was two degrees higher than the normal average. Since March 1, the city has received 17 cm of rainfall, exceeding the average rainfall of 12 cm by more than five cm. Meanwhile, dry weather persisted in the coastal and north interior regions of the state, while the south interior received light rainfall. The highest temperature of 41.5 degrees Celsius was recorded in Kalburagi. Several areas in the state experienced hot weather conditions, with temperatures three to four degrees Celsius higher than normal. However, there were no reports of a heatwave.

A tweet from Bengaluru Weather said that on Friday, the city recorded the highest minimum temperature of 25.1 degrees Celsius. The last time the city's minimum temperature breached 25 degrees Celsius in May was on May 4, 2016 (25.5 degrees Celsius). -BMB

What are auto kiosks for?

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go on long-distance rides but there's no reason for them to go for shorter rides as the official fare is way less than what they are accustomed to. BTP and BMRCL should ensure that there's some incentive in place to encourage auto drivers to go on short distance rides -- which is exactly the problem prepaid auto booths are supposed to solve for last-mile connectivity," he explained.

On the other hand, prepaid auto booths in the rest of the city – at railways stations and other significant public places, seem to function with ease as they often receive customers having to go on longer rides. "I used the prepaid auto booth in Yeshwanthpur railway station and my experience was pretty good – the rates are fixed, leaving no room for hassle. However, there might be queues if the crowd is too much but it often moves through with ease," he said. Vijay Moses, an auto driver, told Bangalore Mirror that many drivers refrain from going the prepaid auto booth way as they mean long waiting times. "We receive customers only when the trains arrive and that is also not promised. Along with this, prepaid booths work on a first-cum-first-served basis, so autos will have to wait in queues for over 20 minutes if need be. The business is much better on roads, we tend to find customers," he said. He added that accepting rides with minimum distances that are often meant for last mile connectivity means riding into residential areas without no potential customer to return. "We only receive about Rs 30-40 for the ride. We will have to ride back to find another customer, so it does not make sense for us to accept last-mile connectivity rides," he said, agreeing that if the government provided an incentive of some sort, the situation may improve.

THE SUNDAY READ

Sudarshan is the face of the videos that showcase traditional methods

Flavourful fables

In conversation with one of the most loved content creators the Bhats, who are winning a million hearts, while keeping it simple, traditional, and tasty

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If there is one thing that folks can't stop falling in love with over and over again, it is the enchanting aura of the coastal region. The landscape, the people, the culture, the language, and the food are all so magical. What adds to that magic is probably the fact that 'age-old', has still not become a memory. And one family from the coastal area who began showcasing what their life looks like, has (at the time of writing this article) garnered over 18 crore views of their videos with 1 million subscribers. The enigma of the coast, peppered with their unique Kannada slang, and the mouth-watering dishes drew people to them, like a moth to a flame.

We are talking about Sudarshan Bhat Bedradi, the 25-year-old from Seethangoli, Kasaragod, who you might know as the face behind the Bhat 'n' Bhat YouTube channel. It all started during the lockdown, not having anything to snack on during the lockdown is why and how this began! Since one of the brothers already had a camera and loved videography, they also wanted to shoot a video to keep themselves engaged. They shot and posted a video of them preparing Banana chips and went about posting videos of various recipes casually for the next couple of months.

But why cooking? The boys while in their 1st PUC, to additionally support themselves, began initially helping chefs at weddings/catering services by cutting vegetables, serving food etc., after this they started working as helpers to the main chefs. In fact, even when they were in an Ashrama as kids they'd do the same. This continued even as they pursued Law from Vivekananda Law College. But little did they know that in just a few years they'll be conversation starters in many households.

(L-R) Manohar Bhat, Sudarshan Bhat, and Prasanna MP

"After the border opened up for travel during the Covid, we again began going to help cooking to the same halls or venues and people would voluntarily talk to us, imitate our dialogues, and take selfies. Also, financially things have improved for us," says Bhat.

But what truly sets them apart is what they cook, and how they do it. There is a mesmerising story waiting to be told every time they cook a dish. Be it the traditional methods, ingredients, the folks involved, or the dish itself. Extracting oil from coconut shells, preparing jackfruit honey, breadfruit curry, or tambuli (curd-based cuisine) made from the flower Gudde Kiskara/Jungle Geranium, are a few such examples. Apart from this, every now and then, they also educate their viewers about local/wild staples and give us a sneak peek into the 'Malenadu' lifestyle. The Bhats usually ask folks around the region and those who are well versed about Coastal cuisines about dishes, ingredients, or process that is a rarity.

The Bhats comprise Sudarshan the face we all know of, but behind-the-scenes his non-identical twin Manohar Bhat Bedradi handles shooting, editing, and production while his sister Prasanna MP handles subtitling. Though both the brothers studied law, Sudarshan is now practising law (civil and crime) full time, and squeezes in time on the weekends to shoot a video. Whereas Manohar is a full-time content creator.

For those wondering, most of their awe-inducing videos are shot in and around Puttur and Vitla. While there are folks who have visited them, as much as they'd love to spend some time with them, they unfortunately can't due to their busy schedules.

They also recently started selling pickles, Happala (papad), and chutney powders on demand from viewers, who wanted to savour something that they've prepared. They leveraged their mom's experience of having prepared and sold homemade items for years. They don't plan on expanding this, but only making small batches as and when time permits.

As they hit a million subscribers, they celebrated it at an old age home with some yummy coconut juice. To further reach a wider audience they also plan on shooting in a different language or even curate a blog to cater to those who love to read.

The Bhats have no studio setup as most of their videos are shot outdoors. "We shot the first four or five videos on a mobile phone and only later shot on a camera; we did not even have a mic. We would also edit videos on our mobile phone itself. We invested in a mic only after reaching one lakh subscribers. Initially we would go to the hills and climb the trees to upload videos via our mobile phones, but now we have a good internet connection."

A word of advice for those wanting to begin now. "Don't try copying content. Do something original and something that people would find interesting and helpful. Don't invest unnecessarily right at the beginning," says Bhat.

Cues from the coast

- Wrap pieces of bamboo in a cloth and place them in flowing water (river) to get rid of the pungent smell
- Always pluck the second betel leaf from the top most vine for consumption
- After storing buttermilk for a day, the thick buttermilk that is settled at the bottom can be used for washing copper and brass vessels

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Miller's Road: Oozing footpath poses menace

Locals raise concern over seepage from under footpath, recently done under Smart City project

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Residents living in the areas surrounding High Grounds Junction on Miller's Road have raised concerns over the leakage of sewage from the footpath, recently done by Bengaluru Smart City Ltd (BSCL).

They claim the water leakage has been there for nearly three months now. Despite citizen activists' multiple complaints during the ward committee meetings and otherwise, no action has been taken by the department concerned to plug the leak.

"I noticed the seepage from under the footpath tiles three months ago. I took a picture and shared it in the ward committee meeting, apart from alerting Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) officials separately. I have been raising the issue with BWSSB officials every time I pass that stretch. Although it is right next to BWSSB's regional office, the issue has not been fixed," said Priya Chetty Rajagopal, a resident of Vasanth Nagar.

Locals and commuters say it is dirty water that has been seeping through the footpath tiles for months now, making it inconvenient for pedestrians.

"It is dirty water, and if you are walking on the footpath, it squishes out of the tiles and covers your foot. It is a brand new road and should not have met this fate so fast," said a commuter.

Residents of the area allege that BSCL officials concerned have developed apathy towards issues faced by the locals. Upon multiple complaints, residents were informed by BWSSB officials that to fix the issue, BSCL has to grant permission to BWSSB, and the water board is awaiting the go-ahead.

Meanwhile, a BWSSB official confirmed the claim. According to the official, while the water board sent a letter seeking permission nearly two weeks ago, they have not heard back from BSCL so far. "We have written to BSCL seeking permission to remove footpath tiles so the seepage can be attended to. However, we are still awaiting their permission," they said.

When Bangalore Mirror reached out to BSCL chief engineer Doddaiah AB, he said, "I will direct my officials to look into the matter. The issue will be resolved as soon as possible."

Sewage is leaking from the footpath at High Grounds Junction on Miller's Road

DID YOU KNOW?

Jakkur Aerodrome is a site for the Government Flying Training School (GFTS) in the suburb of Jakkur in Bengaluru. It is spread over 214 acres and includes several facilities such as flight training, a fuel station, etc. It is said that the land was acquired by the Maharaja of Mysuru to build the aerodrome. It was opened in 1948. Later, the aerodrome was handed over to the government of Karnataka. The government was also asked to build a flying school in the suburb. Finally, in 1949, the GFTS was established. In 1997, the school faced some issues related to a shortage of aircraft and fuel. The aerodrome has a single runway, and the GFTS is also known to operate air traffic control.

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where Bengalureans speak their mind

How do you incorporate eco-friendly practices into your gardening routine?

Sai Kumar, BM Reader
For some, gardening is considered a hobby, but for others, it is life. When choosing plants and trees for your yard, look for flora native to your area. Native trees and plants attract birds and butterflies, and require less maintenance.

Shrujan J, BM Reader
For people who have a garden in their yard, certain methods have to be followed when mowing: leave the grass higher and mow more frequently. Your lawn will retain more water and be healthier.

Sachin Murali, BM Reader
When practising eco-friendly methods, a very minimal amount of fertiliser should be used for healthy plants. Composting is the best method, like mixing household and garden waste, including fruit and vegetable scraps, eggshells, etc.

Suma Jagadeesh, BM Reader
Preserving rainwater through rainwater harvesting is one of the best methods of eco-friendly gardening. Here, household water gets reduced, and for watering, rainwater is used only in the required quantities.

Chetan Prabhakar, BM Reader
To maintain a healthy and chemical-free garden, organic mulch such as wood chips, bark, and leaves acts as a protective covering (as sawdust, compost, or paper) spread or left on the ground to reduce evaporation.

Sashi Chandrashekar, BM Reader
Plastics cause environmental pollution because they are non-recyclable. Using plastic to cover saplings can lead to soil pollution.

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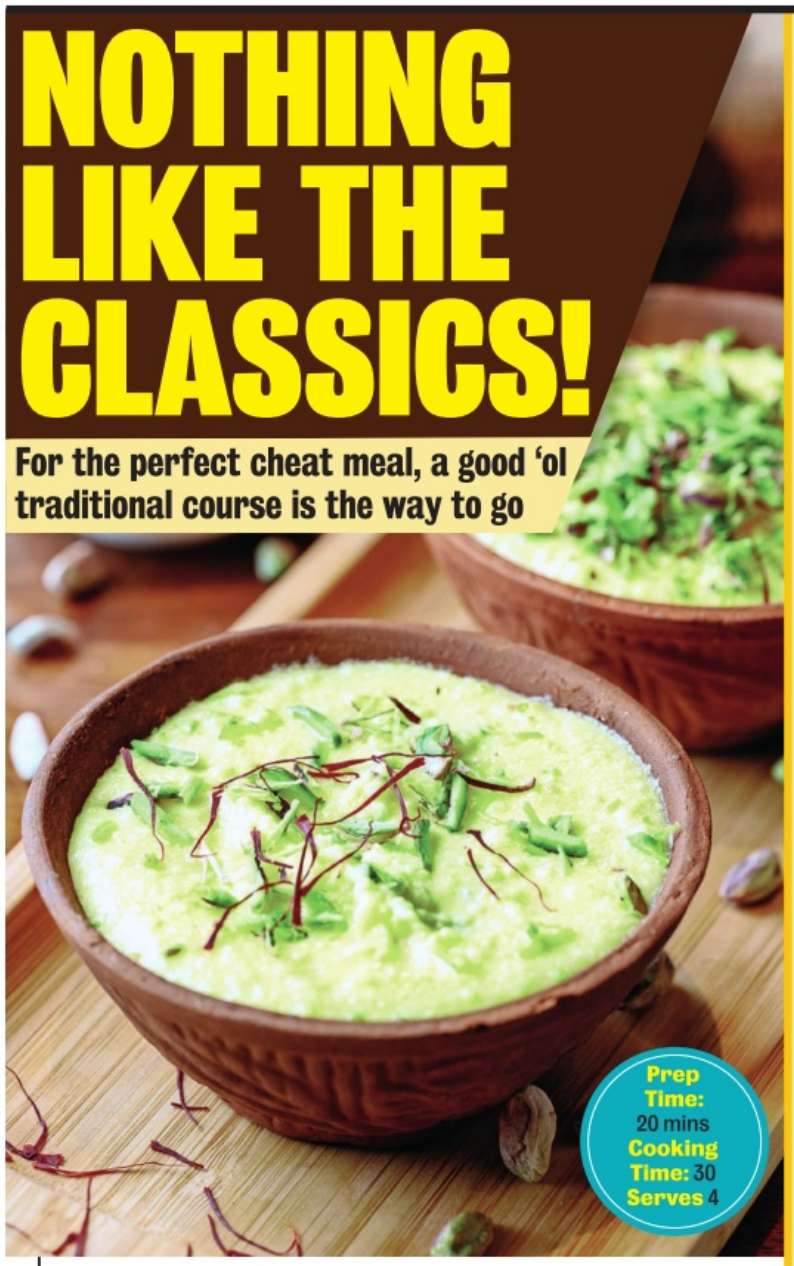


Prep Time: 20 mins Cooking Time: 30 Serves 4

KESARI PHIRNI

INGREDIENTS
- milk – 1000ml,
- basmati rice – 50gms,
- sugar – 50gms,
- green cardamom – 20gms,
- rose water – 10ml,
- pistachios – 20gms,
- saffron – 1gm

METHOD
- Bring the milk to a boil in a deep pan, let it simmer till it reduces a little. Grind the soaked rice to a coarse paste and add in the milk.
- Add a little milk to make it a little thinner stirring continuously to avoid lumps.
- Add saffron, green cardamom powder, rose water and sugar, cook till it thickens. Take it off the heat. Add pistachios and mix well.
- Set aside to cool.
- Serve chilled.

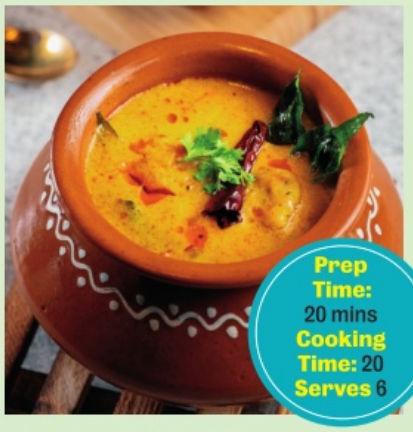
SARSO KA SAAG

INGREDIENTS
- mustard greens – 500gms,
- spinach leaves – 250gms,
- makkai atta – 30gms,
- ginger – 20gms,
- garlic – 20gms,
- onion – 50gms,
- green chillies – 20gms,
- red chilly powder – 10gms,
- salt – 30gms,
- ghee – 50gms,
- coriander powder – 20gms,
- garam masala powder – 10gms

METHOD
- Place all the leaves in the pressure cooker, add a little salt and 3 tablespoons of water. After the first whistle turn off the heat.
- Place the cooker under running water and release the pressure immediately and add the makkai ka atta, this will help keep the greens green.
- Allow it to cool.
- Heat a teaspoon of ghee in a pan add the ginger, garlic, onions and green chillies. Saute all the ingredients together on low heat.
- Once the onions soften, stir in the steamed sarson ka saag, red chilli powder, garam masala powder and coriander powder.
- Turn the heat to high and give the mixture a quick boil for a couple of minutes and then turn off the heat.
- Serve hot with makkai ki roti.

Prep Time: 25 mins Cooking Time: 30 Serves 4

PUNJABI KADHI



Prep Time: 20 mins Cooking Time: 20 Serves 6

INGREDIENTS
- curd – 500gms,
- red chilli powder – 10gms,
- garam masala powder – 10gms,
- oil – 20ml,
- carom seeds – 10gms,
- green chilli – 10gms,
- cumin seeds – 5gms,
- turmeric powder – 10gms,
- asafoetida – 5gms,
- besan – 50gms,
- fenugreek seeds – 10gms,
- ginger – 10gms,
- dry red chilli – 10gms,
- curry leaves – 5gms

METHOD
- To prepare the curd mixture, take curd and whisk properly until it smoothens out.
- Add the gram flour, red chilli powder, garam masala powder, turmeric powder and salt as per taste.
- Whisk all the ingredients properly.
- Add 3-4 cups of water and stir to dissolve all the lumps.
- In a large pan add oil, cumin seeds, carom seeds, green chilli, fenugreek seeds, ginger, onion, curry leaves and dry chillies.
- Sauté well.
- Add the mixture.
- Stir the ingredients properly and let the Kadhi boil for about 15 minutes.
- Reduce the flame and let it simmer until it turns thick. Garnish with coriander leaves.
- Serve hot.

MAKKAI KI ROTI

Prep Time: 10 mins Cooking Time: 30 Serves 4

INGREDIENTS
- makkai ka atta – 150gms,
- hot water – 70ml,
- carom seeds – 10gms,
- salt – 10gms,
- ghee – 50gms,
- white butter – 30gms

METHOD
- In a mixing bowl take the maize flour, carom seeds and salt as required. Knead the dough with hot water.
- If the dough looks dry, then add some warm water. If the dough looks sticky, then add a few tablespoons of maize flour.
- Roll the dough in a round shape.
- Cook the roti in a tandoor, smear ghee and add a dollop of white butter, serve hot with Sarso ka Saag.

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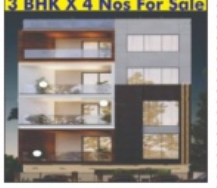

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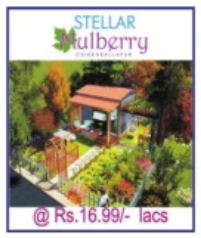

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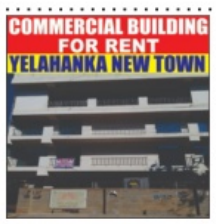

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The Department of Telecommunications has set up the Sanchar Saathi portal, which uses the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) to help users to track and block their lost smartphones.

The Sanchar Saathi service is available across the country, and users must file a police complaint before they can use the portal.

What is the Sanchar Saathi portal?

The Sanchar Saathi portal is an initiative launched by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) in India to help people locate and block their lost or stolen mobile phones. The portal is part of the government's efforts to promote digital literacy and secure digital transactions. The portal is accessible to anyone with a valid mobile number and is free to use.

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CHANGE OF NAME

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I, Marthal Manikaraj, W/o Manikaraj, R/a no 109 Dodda nna nagar RT nagar near Kaval Byrasandra bus stand Kavalby rasandra B'lore-32. I have changed my name from Marthal to Marthal Manikaraj. Vide affidavit dated 18-05-23. Sworn before notary Leela B'lore.

I, HEMA SRIDHARAN, Residing at No. B102, Sri Rama Nivas, Atlantis Liberty Square, 80 Feet Road, Raghuvanahalli, Bengaluru-560062, have changed my name to HEMA SRIDHAR, vide affidavit dated: 15.05.2023 before Notary B.S. Padma Prasad, Bengaluru.

I, Ratna Bai R/o #540 ,C N Road (East) Old Town , Bhadravathi , Shivamogga - 577301 Karnataka have changed my name to Ratan Bai for all purposes.

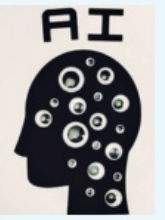
I, Hussain R/o Flat No. S 5, Second floor, Burhani Park Apts, Bohra Layout, Gottigere, B'lore-560083 have changed my name to Hussain Yusuf Khambhaliawala.

I Shaik Muhammad Nurul Hussain R/O # 667,5th Main road opp. Nethaji park A Setor Yelahanka new town Bangalore-64 new name Shaik Mohammed Nurul Hussain

BITS & BYTES

G7 ON AI

The world must urgently assess the impact of generative artificial intelligence, G7 leaders said Saturday, announcing they will launch discussions this year on "responsible" use of the technology.



A working group will be set up to tackle issues from copyright to disinformation, the seven leading economies said in a final communique released during a summit in Hiroshima, Japan.

Text generation tools such as ChatGPT, image creators and music composed using AI have sparked delight, alarm and legal battles as creators accuse them of scraping material without permission.

"We recognise the need to immediately take stock of the opportunities and challenges of generative AI, which is increasingly prominent across countries and sectors," the G7 statement said. **AFP**

WHAT APPLE DID

Apple removed 1,474 apps from its App Store as per requests from various governments to take down such apps in 2022, including a massive 1,435 from mainland China and just 14 from India. According to the company's '2022 App Store Transparency Report', the Pakistan government requested to take down 10 apps while Russia asked to remove seven apps for violating various laws of the land. There were a total 18,412 appeals of app removals from various agencies worldwide (again led by China at 5,484), including 709 from India. Apple restored 24 apps in India after appeals of app removals last year. **IANS**

SPACEX TO THE RESCUE

Elon Musk's SpaceX and Unipol Gruppo agreed to join forces to help people hit by flooding in northern Italy connect to the Internet, facilitating rescue operations, the Italian insurer said on Saturday. Torrential rains devastated the eastern side of the Italian region of Emilia-Romagna, killing 14 people, causing billions of euros worth of damage and hitting agriculture particularly hard.

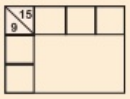
Under the agreement, Unipol acquired SpaceX's Starlink satellite internet terminals and will make them available for rescuers, hospitals and the public. SpaceX is positioning its satellites to prioritise the Emilia-Romagna region. **Reuters**

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

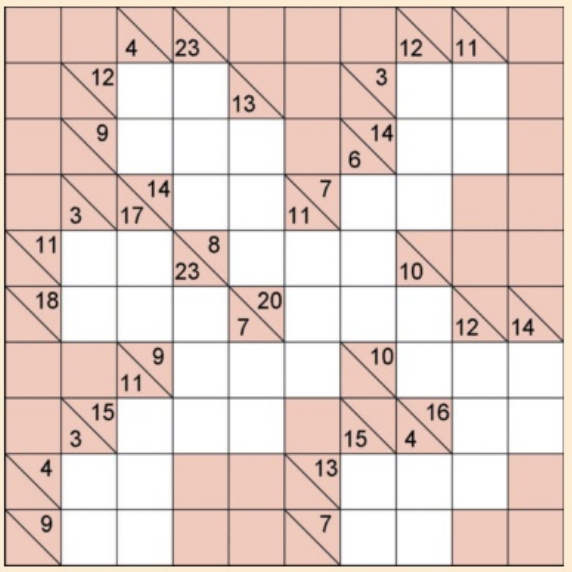
If 2 hours ago it was as long after one o'clock in the afternoon as it was before one o'clock in the morning, what time would it be now?

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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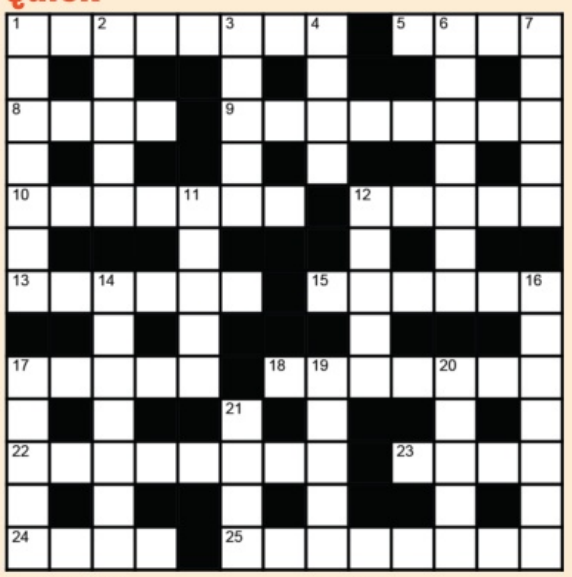


ACROSS

1 Over-abundance (8)
5 Exclude (4)
8 In ___ of : instead? (4)
9 Wealth (8)
10 Greek goddess of innocence–"RA at sea" anagram? (7)
12 Help in mounting (3-2)
13 Tourist destination where R K Narayanan's Malgudi Days was filmed (6)
15 New World Symphony composer (6)
17 Guwahati locale (5)
18 Vacuum-flask (7)
22 Raised with yeast (8)
23 Slightly open (4)
24 Ship post (4)
25 On time (8)

DOWN

1 __ __ _ ghost : scared to death, in a way (4,2,1)
2 Use energy (5)
3 Atmospheric gas (5)
4 An astringent (4)
6 Office head (7)
7 Office head (7)
11 Book of photographs (5)
12 Embankment (5)
14 Parvenu (7)
16 Small falcon–"Elk rest" anagram? (7)
17 Extemporize (2-3)
19 Was wearing (3,2)
20 Laila's counterpart (5)
21 Bhajan maestro __ Jalota (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: J EQUALS U

FCQDYPQDCH DR RDFVMT. ZCJ TMDFDHPQT QICRT LIC PET HCQ FCQDYPQTA.

Linemaro

I love it when you say 'hi' because I know that at least for a moment, I've crossed your mind

Mindchow

The most pitiful among men is he who turns his dreams into silver and gold

Joke of the day

Baby snake: Mom, are we poisonous?
Mom: Why do you ask?
Baby snake: Because I just bit my tongue

Loop

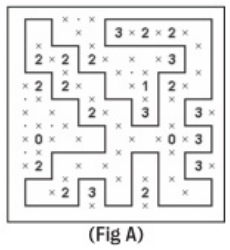
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

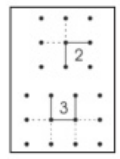
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

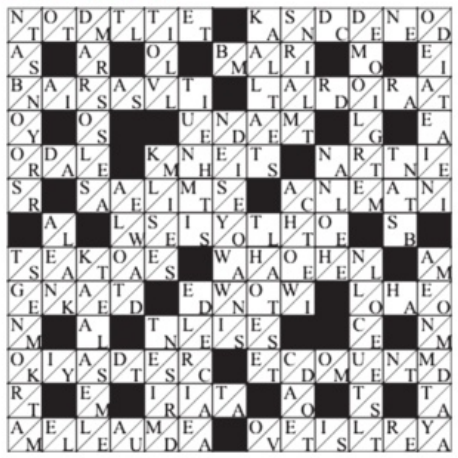


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

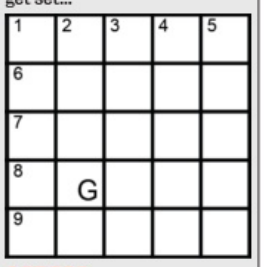
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

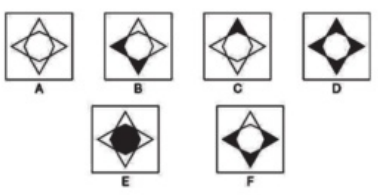
1 Salps; 6 Lab IQ; 7 Haunt; 8 Genoa; 9 Orbed

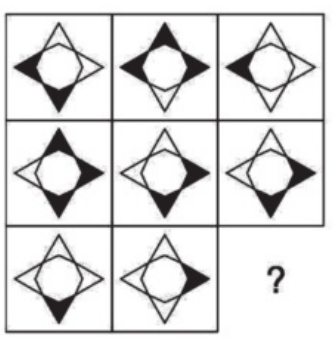
DOWN

1 QB USA; 2 Log in; 3 Or bah; 4 Nepal; 5 Stead

Mensapuzzle

Which square should replace the question mark?





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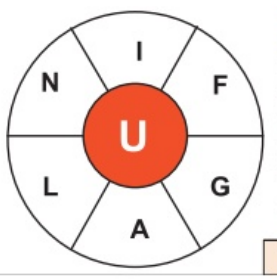


How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; 06 Good; 08 Outstanding

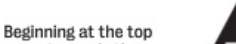
SudokuChallenge

			8		2			
2								3
		7	9	3	5	4		
7	6			1			4	9
		3				6		
4	9			8			1	5
		6	2	7	1	9		
1								8
			6		8			

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 19
3 4 6 6

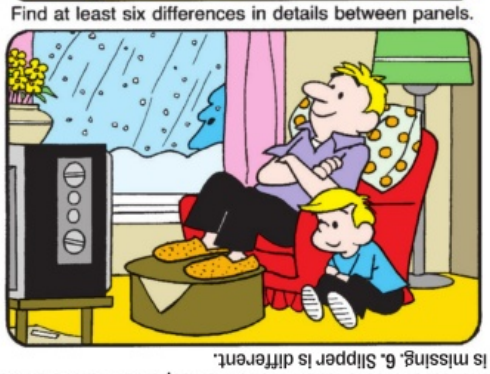
Medium = 38
4 6 6 8

Hard = 23
3 6 8 4

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



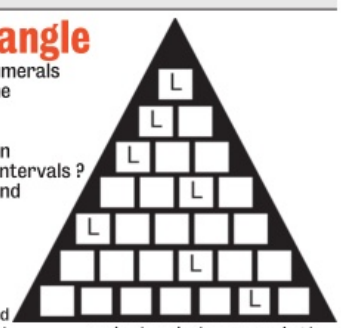
Differences: 1. Boy's arm is moved. 2. TV stand leg is moved. 3. Tree is taller. 4. Snow is deeper. 5. Picture on wall is missing. 6. Slipper is different.

Riddler

Starting with AM, add a letter and shuffle to make a new word each time and continue until you reach SPEARMINT.

Alpha triangle

1 Fifty in Roman numerals
2 51 in ancient Rome
3 Untruth, fib
4 Small island
5 F1 driver Hamilton
6 Between : in the intervals ?
7 High-pitched sound



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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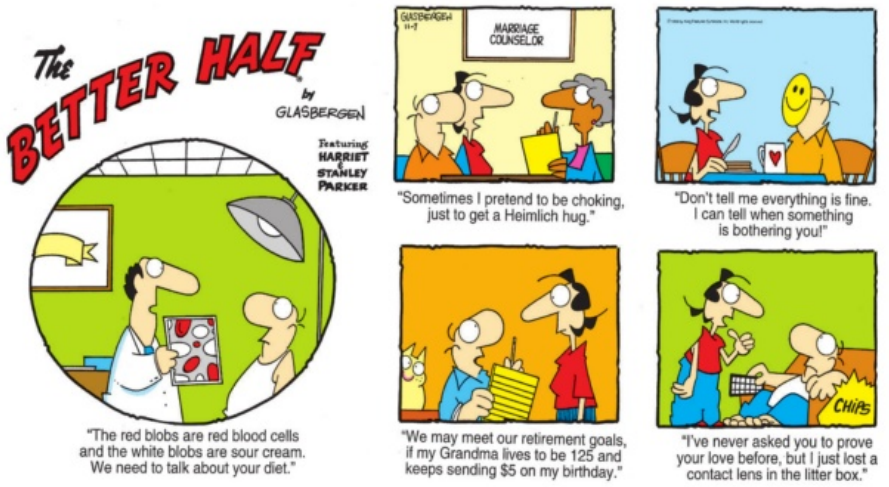
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WHAT ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE?
A WILD GRIZZLY BEAR, OBVIOUSLY.
SKRITCH! SKRITCH!
GRIZZLY BEARS EAT SALMON. YOU HATE SALMON.
OH. THAT'S RIGHT. WHAT SHOULD I DO?
JUST PRETEND TO BE SOMETHING THAT LIKES WHAT YOU LIKE.
SUCH AS?
SPYORK! SPYORK! I'M A MUTANT DUCK-BILLED PLATYPUS WITH A VICIOUS SWEET-TOOTH!
LET ME GUESS. ZOE SUGGESTED THIS.
JUST HAND OVER THE COCOA PUFFS, AND NOBODY GETS HURT.

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
STAN LEE
AN INNOCUOUS-LOOKING VAN ROLLS THROUGH THE MANHATTAN NIGHT...
COLLEEN WING'S DOJO IS ONLY A FEW BLOCKS AHEAD.
...BUT IT'S UNWILLING OCCUPANT'S ARE POTENTIALLY ANYTHING BUT HARMLESS.
COLLEEN, HAVE YOU GOT ANY IDEA WHAT THE GOLDEN CLAW AND THE KINGPIN ARE UP TO?
ONLY RUMORS, DANNY AND I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO LEARN MORE...
"DANNY" AS IN DANNY RAND, ALIAS IRON FIST?
HE KEEPS A LOW PROFILE. HOW DO YOU KNOW HIS SECRET?
WHEN WE MET, HE DECIDED TO TRUST ME WITH HIS DUAL IDENTITY.
AND DID YOU LIKEWISE SHARE A SECRET OF YOURS WITH HIM?
NOT...REALLY!
WELL, YOU NEVER KNOW...
"YOU MAY YET GET THE CHANCE BEFORE THIS NIGHT IS OVER!"
LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT!

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you are blessed by Jupiter. This may give you confidence, and you may be able to make important decisions confidently. You are decisive, so you may grab opportunities without a second thought. You may likely spend money on family and friends. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments. Job aspirants may likely get a suitable job with the help of friends.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may feel dull and may not enjoy your day. You may be a victim of arrogance, which can affect both your professional and domestic life. Internally, you may feel a lack of confidence, which may stop you from doing something creative at work.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may feel energetic and perform efficiently at work. Your hard work may pay off, boosting your confidence. Property-related disputes with siblings are likely to be resolved now. Your meeting with an influential person may boost your network.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which makes you happy. You are likely to receive a big order with the help of your communication skills. You are polite with the people around you and may make some difficult decisions in business with the help of your colleagues.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon, making it a good day for you. You have good vitality and may enjoy your work. You may also enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, improving domestic harmony. You are likely to make new plans to start a new project, and your perfection may help you design the flow chart. Job seekers will find a suitable job. Love birds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may not feel well, and old health issues may arise, making you upset. You may make some wrong decisions due to impatience and hurry. It is advised to think twice before making any decision. Also, do not keep money loose, as you may spend it on buying worthless stuff.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which may make you happy. You may have good gains in your past investments. You may be able to make quick decisions in terms of work, which may give you good gains in the near future.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may be busy at work, and with the help of your strong network, you may be able to implement your plans successfully. Your wisdom may help you gain profits from past investments. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, increasing harmony in your domestic life. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which may make you happy. Last week's crunch is now over, and with blessings, you may get reciprocation for your hard work. With the help of your subordinates, you may be able to initiate your postponed works. There are some gains in your business that may boost your finances.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may feel dull, and you may have some health issues. You are advised to postpone making investments in business and avoid starting a new venture. You are likely to face losses in business, and your gains may likely convert into losses.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be enthusiastic, which may speed up your project. You may be able to make quick decisions that will increase your business. You may likely start a new innovation in partnership, but investments in fixed assets with a business partner are not advised.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you are blessed by the positive moon. You may feel healthy, and old health issues may be cured now. Money that was stuck somewhere may likely be recovered now. You may also apply for a loan to buy some luxury-related items.

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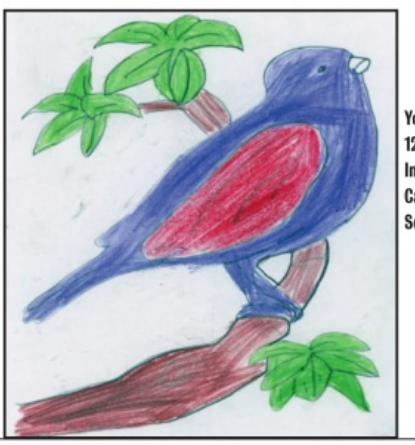

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
It is 12 hours between 1 PM and 1 AM. 7 PM is exactly in the middle of 1 PM and 1 AM. It is 6 hours after 1 PM and 6 hours before 1 AM. If it was 7 PM 2 hours ago, it must be 9 PM now.

RIDDLER
One way is: AM, RAM, TRAM, MARTS, STREAM, TAMPERS, PRIMATES, SPEARMINT

FAST FIVE

S	L	A	P	S
O	I	B	L	A
U	N	H	A	T
A	G	O	N	E
B	O	R	E	D

BULL'S EYE
faun, flung, fugal, fungal, GAINFUL, gulf, lung, ulna

STRIKE OUT

A	L	L	U	D	E	■	V	E	S	T	R	Y
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
A: black segments only appear in the final square in each row and column when they appear in the same position in the first two squares.

QUOTE UNCODE
Motivation is simple. You eliminate those who are not motivated.

SUDOKU

9	3	1	8	4	2	5	7	6
2	4	5	1	6	7	8	9	3
6	8	7	9	3	5	4	2	1
7	6	8	5	1	3	2	4	9
5	1	3	4	2	9	6	8	7
4	9	2	7	8	6	3	1	5
8	5	6	2	7	1	9	3	4
1	2	9	3	5	4	7	6	8
3	7	4	6	9	8	1	5	2

ALPHA TRIANGLE
L, LI, Lie, Isle, Lewis, Whiles, Whistle.

GO FIGURE
Easy
6 + 6 + 4 + 3 = 19
Medium
8 x 6 – 6 – 4 = 38
Hard
4 x 8 – 3 – 6 = 23

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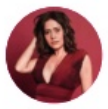

Nushrratt's ideal husband — A "great sense of humour" and "hero qualities", are what actress Nushrratt Bharuccha will look for in an ideal husband. Nushrratt was asked about the traits she would look for in her husband in a TV show

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A cool breeze in hot summer

DAREDEVIL MUSTAFA
3.5 RATING ★★★½☆
- **DIRECTOR** Shashank Soghal
- **ACTORS** Aditya Ashree, Nagabhushan NS, Abhay, Shishir, Poornachandra Mysuru, MS Umesh
- **CERTIFICATION** U
- **Duration** 160 minutes

Daredevil Mustafa begins with the start of a new academic year at a government college in Abachur. The college is known for students from Hindu families. However, the atmosphere at the college changes when Jamal Abdul Mustafa Hussain (Shishir) gets admission to the college. Ramanuja Iyengar (Aditya Ashree) and his classmates think that Jamal got admission to the college with an eye on girls, including Ramamani (Prerana). Ramanuja and his friends gang up against Jamal and create problems for him. They come to know that Ramamani is getting close to him. They beat him black and blue but are caught by the police. What happens to Ramanuja and his friends is what the film is all about.

Daredevil Mustafa is the best adaptation of KP Poornachandra Tejasvi's short story. Shashank Soghal, who debuts as a director, has handled the megaphone with aplomb. The selection of locations and actors is superb. The movie takes audiences to picturesque Chikkamagaluru. The director has created the folktale world of Poornachandra Tejasvi by selecting suitable locations, including the college and a Brahmin street.

Performance by newcomers is stellar with all of them vying among themselves to deliver their best. Aditya Ashree, who values traditions and customs and wants to avenge an embarrassment, is at his best. He walks away with all honours for his sterling performance in a scene where he is playing cricket to defeat his own team. Poornachandra Mysuru, who plays captain of a local cricket team, is convincing. His dialogue delivery, body language and costumes are apt.

Mandya Ramesh, as principal Seebaiah who craves to eat snacks with money allocated for sports, has acted well. Veteran character actor MS Umesh, who struggles a lot to read the name – Jamal Abdul Mustafa Hussain – in the college attendance register, and Nagabhushan, a lecturer who has a crush on an English lecturer, have provided good support. Krishne Gowda, president of Kannada Film Chamber of Commerce, has proved his mettle as an actor.

It is a must watch because it is like a cool breeze in hot summer.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

WHO WORE IT BEST?

Diana, Sara or Aishwarya — fans have lot to choose from

Some of Bollywood's biggest names attended the Cannes Film Festival this year. After Sara Ali Khan and Aishwarya Rai grabbed attention for their red carpet looks, Diana Penty is the latest actress to join the list of the Cannes fashion diary.

On Saturday, Diana shared a few photos of herself from the event where she is seen in a crop top and matching skirt by a designer. The actress was dressed in a glittering outfit embroidered with red and blue stones. In the photos, posted on Instagram, Diana posed on a balcony. She also gave a glimpse of her straight hairstyle in one of the photos. She wrote in the caption, "All that glitters…" On Friday, after Diana arrived at Cannes, she shared photos of herself posing on the balcony wearing a frilled white top paired with classic blue jeans. On Thursday, Aishwarya Rai arrived on the red carpet in a glittering silver gown. Sara also grabbed the attention in a heavy lehenga for her first appearance at Cannes 2023.

All the looks have created much excitement online with new discussions of who looked the best cropping up each day.

—ETimes

Striking debut

Singer Dua Lipa and her director beau Romain Gavras made their red carpet debut at the Cannes Film Festival on Friday.

The two were photographed embracing on the red carpet for the film Omar La Fraise (The King of Algiers), reported People, a US-based media company.

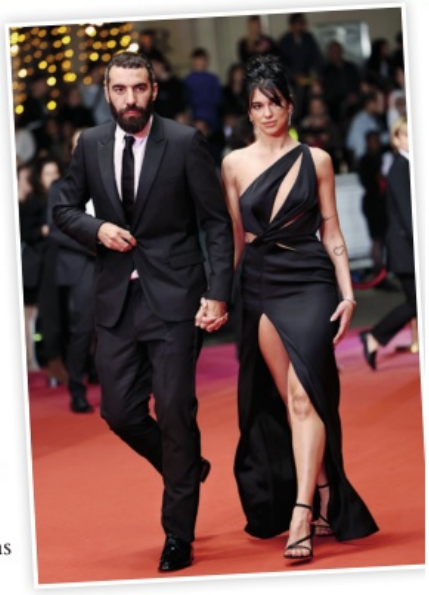
The movie is about a gangster on the run who is keeping a low profile in order to avoid a 20-year prison sentence in France.

Lipa was dressed in a black one-shoulder dress with cutouts, a long slit, and a silhouette that showed off her back. She accessorized her look with matching high-heeled strappy sandals and dangling earrings. Gavras wore a black suit and tie.

The "Levitating" singer was first spotted with Gavras leaving a party in London in February, according to Entertainment Tonight. The two were seen once again holding hands during Paris Fashion Week, according to E! Online.

Gavras, known for directing Kanye West's video "No Church in the Wild" and M.I.A.'s video "Bad Girls", also dated Rita Ora for about six months.

Lipa is also in town to debut her collaboration with Donatella Versace.



The legendary Italian fashion designer, revealed the news of their co-designed high-fashion summer collection for the namesake brand earlier this month.

On Tuesday, the collaboration, dubbed "La Vacanza," or vacation in English, will debut during a fashion show in Cannes, France, and will be available to purchase in stores and on Versace's official website right after.

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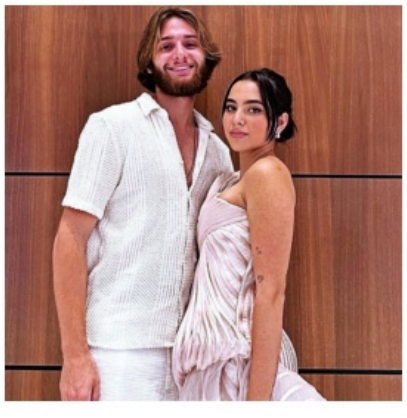
Aaliyah Kashyap is engaged

Aaliyah Kashyap, daughter of filmmaker Anurag Kashyap and film editor Aarti Bajaj, on Saturday announced her engagement to longtime-boyfriend Shane Gregoire.

The 22-year-old Youtuber shared the news on Instagram alongside photographs with Gregoire.

"Soooooo THIS HAPPENED!!!!! to my best friend, my partner, my soulmate and now my FIANCE! (sic)" Aaliyah wrote. "You are the love of my life. thank you for showing me what real & unconditional love feels like. saying yes to you was the easiest thing i've ever done & i can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you, my love," she added. Gregoire, an American entrepreneur, also posted pictures on his Instagram page.

"So blessed to be engaged to the love of my life @aaliyahkashyap. You are the one who I was searching for each and every day before I met you," he posted.



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